CLAIMS

[c1]   1.   In a communication device, a method for initiating a group call in a group communication network, the method comprising:

receiving a member list from a user; and

sending a request to a server to initiate the group call based on the received member list.

[c2]   2.   The method of claim 1, further including receiving a response from the server indicating that said initiating the group call is in progress.

[c3]   3.   The method of claim 2, further including:

alerting the user to provide media; and

buffering the media for transmission after a traffic channel is re-established.

[c4]   4.   The method of claim 1, wherein said sending includes transmitting the request on a reverse access channel (R-ACH) of a wireless network.

[c5]   5.   The method of claim 1, wherein said sending includes transmitting the request on a reverse enhanced access channel (R-EACH) of a wireless network.

[c6]   6.   The method of claim 1, further including re-establishing traffic channel for the communication device.

[c7]   7.   The method of claim 1, further including re-establishing traffic channel for the communication device simultaneously with said sending the request.

[c8]   8.   The method of claim 1, further including renegotiating a radio link protocol (RLP) for the communication device.

[c9]   9.   The method of claim 1, further including renegotiating a radio link protocol (RLP) for the communication device simultaneously with said sending the request.

[c10]   10.   The method of claim 1, wherein said sending includes transmitting the request in short data burst (SDB) form.

[c11]   11.   In a communication device, a computer-readable medium embodying a method for initiating a group call in a group communication network, the method comprising:

          receiving a member list from a user; and

          sending a request to a server to initiate the group call based on the received member list.

[c12]   12.   The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein the method further includes receiving a response from the server indicating that said initiating the group call is in progress.

[c13]   13.   The computer-readable medium of claim 12, wherein the method further includes:

          alerting the user to provide media; and

          buffering the media for transmission after a traffic channel is re-established.

[c14]   14.   The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein said sending includes transmitting the request on a reverse access channel (R-ACH) of a wireless network.

[c15]   15.   The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein said sending includes transmitting the request on a reverse enhanced access channel (R-EACH) of a wireless network.

[c16]   16.   The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein the method further includes re-establishing traffic channel for the communication device.

[c17]   17.   The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein the method further includes re-establishing traffic channel for the communication device simultaneously with said sending the request.

[c18]   18.   The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein said method further includes renegotiating a radio link protocol (RLP) for the communication device.

[c19]   19.   The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein said method further includes renegotiating a radio link protocol (RLP) for the communication device simultaneously with said transmitting the request.

[c20]   20.   The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein said sending includes transmitting the request in short data burst (SDB) form.

[c21]   21.   A communication device for initiating a group call in a group communication network, comprising:

means for receiving a member list from a user; and

means for sending a request to a server to initiate the group call based on the received member list.

[c22]   22.   The communication device of claim 21, further including means for receiving a response from the server indicating that said initiating the group call is in progress.

[c23]   23.   The communication device of claim 22, further including:

means for alerting the user to provide media; and

means for buffering the media for transmission after a traffic channel is re-established.

[c24]   24.   The communication device of claim 21, wherein said means for sending includes means for transmitting the request on a reverse access channel (R-ACH) of a wireless network.

[c25]   25.   The communication device of claim 21, wherein said means for sending includes means for transmitting the request on a reverse enhanced access channel (R-EACH) of a wireless network.

[c26]   26.   The communication device of claim 21, further including means for re-establishing traffic channel for the communication device.

[c27]   27.   The communication device of claim 21, further including means for re-establishing traffic channel for the communication device simultaneously with said sending the request.

[c28]   28.   The communication device of claim 21, further including means for renegotiating a radio link protocol (RLP) for the communication device.

[c29]   29.   The communication device of claim 21, further including means for renegotiating a radio link protocol (RLP) for the communication device simultaneously with said transmitting the request.

[c30]   30.   The communication device of claim 21, wherein said means for sending includes means for transmitting the request in short data burst (SDB) form.

[c31]   31.   A communication device for initiating a call in a group communication network, the communication device comprising:

a receiver;

a transmitter; and

a processor communicatively coupled to the receiver and the transmitter, the processor being capable of:

receiving a member list from a user; and

sending a request to a server to initiate the group call based on the received member list.

[c32]   32.   The communication device of claim 31, the processor further being capable of receiving a response from the server indicating that said initiating the group call is in progress.

[c33]   33.   The communication device of claim 31, the processor further being capable of:

alerting the user to provide media; and

buffering the media for transmission after a traffic channel is re-established.

[c34]   34.   The communication device of claim 31, the processor further being capable of transmitting the request on a reverse access channel (R-ACH) of a wireless network.

[c35]   35.   The communication device of claim 31, the processor further being capable of transmitting the request on a reverse enhanced access channel (R-EACH) of a wireless network.

[c36]   36.   The communication device of claim 31, the processor further being capable of re-establishing traffic channel for the communication device.

[c37]   37.   The communication device of claim 31, the processor further being capable of re-establishing traffic channel for the communication device simultaneously with said sending the request.

[c38]   38.   The communication device of claim 31, the processor further being capable of renegotiating a radio link protocol (RLP) for the communication device.

[c39]   39.   The communication device of claim 31, the processor further being capable of renegotiating a radio link protocol (RLP) for the communication device simultaneously with said transmitting the request.

[c40]   40.   The communication device of claim 31, the processor further being capable of transmitting the request in short data burst (SDB) form.